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Every parent wants the best for his or her child, and journalist James Stanley is no exception. When he and his wife learn that they have a baby on the way Stanley puts his skills for investigation to the task as he attempts to learn what the future hold for his unborn child. But Stanley lives in a world quite different from our own, and the future that awaits his child is one quite beyond anything parents in our world have ever considered.

Andi Ewington introduces readers to that world and its challenges in **45**, an original graphic novel that combines full-page art and compelling text featuring a number of the reporter's interviews. But it's the subjects of those interviews that make this graphic novel so compelling.

"Set in a world that is only one Super-S step away from our own, James Stanley and his wife are expecting their first child," Ewington said. "When they opt not to take the Hale Criterion test (a voluntary test designed to determine whether an unborn child will have superpowers or not), James instead decides to use his considerable experience to interview a whole spectrum of Super-S characters, with the aim of understanding better what to expect if their child is born with a power. James's journey takes him from the birth of a Super-S, all the way through life until he meets a retired hero and, eventually, one on his death-bed. Along the way, James unwittingly becomes the focus of attention from a sinister organization called XoDOS.

Com.X Hopes for Plenty of Play for 45

"There's a real diversity of characters, back stories, and powers on show in this project. I wanted each individual character to be as interesting as we could make him/her. There are also favorable 'nods' and digs to other characters already in existence."

Rather than presenting a standard comics-format graphic novel, **45** presents the reporter's interviews with those superpowered subjects. "There are 45 interviews in the book, each taking the form of a single page of transcript, opposite a single page of art. Each art page has been tackled by a different industry artist who has been given no predetermined brief or thoughts, thus allowing them the freedom to do what they do best."

45 features the work of a number of top talents, including *Liam Sharp, Jock, Sean Philips, Randy Green, Charlie Adlard, Dan Brereton, Simon Coleby, Dave Taylor, Trevor Hairsine, Tim Vigil, Frazer Irving, Bob Wiacek*, and *Dan Fraga*—and impressive array of top talent. Was there any particular illustrator that Ewington was particularly surprised to enlist? "That's a tricky question to answer succinctly, as I was *constantly* surprised when I'd approach an artist and they'd say 'Yes' to a page!" Ewington said. "But thinking about it, I'd have to go with *Sean Phillips*, purely because I approached him in the flesh at the Birmingham Comic Con and I was expecting to be turned down, but he was great about it and said 'yes.' Just goes to show you!"

Why did Ewington decide to go with text and illustrations rather than comics format? "When I was pitching the idea to Com.X I was desperate to retain the dialogue in its purest form. To me, it was important to convey the emotional aspect of each story and I felt that this was only truly possible via a first-person account. In any event, I knew it would be a herculean task to attempt a sequential take on the dialogue—and one that probably would have seen me financially ruined! I've enjoyed transcript accounts in original graphic novels I've read myself before, and reasoned that the comic community would be able to make the switch without feeling cheated out of their standard sequential format. Certainly, with the variety of artists and the visual feast on display, I'm hoping I will be forgiven for my decision!"

Ewington explained that book has been in production for more than a year. "I started around twelve weeks into my son's gestation. He was born on the 7th of June 2008, so you do the math!" Ewington said with a laugh. "I finished writing **45** on the day of his birth—that's dedication for you! From the 7th of June onwards, I've been editing and liaising with the artists to get the pages finished."

How did the project come about? "It's common for Com.X publisher *Eddie Deighton* and me to bust out of the office and go grab a coffee at around 11am every day," Ewington said. "During these brief excursions out we usually brainstorm ideas. Ed mentioned that he's like to do something focused on the 'real'; something that was much more grounded and less fantastical. Ed suggested that I read ***Marvels*** by *Kurt Busiek & Alex Ross* as a starting point. I loved it and it really got me thinking.

"I had also just finished reading ***World War Z*** by *Max Brooks* and really liked the way he approached the structure of the book. Those inspirations, combined with the fact my wife was pregnant with my son, gave me the impetus for the book. Ed and Benjamin Shahrabani, from Com.X US, instantly thought it was a winner and suggested we could take it further by asking different industry artists to illustrate a single page per character. The rest, as they say, is history."

Each of the characters featured in this book could have been the focus of his or her own comic; any chance that some of them will spin off into a full-length book--and if so, who? "Funnily enough, I've just signed my next contract with Com.X for exactly that! It's going to be a 40-page one-shot based on the character from **45** called BlueSpear. I'm co-writing this with *Eddie Deighton* from Com.X. *Calum Alexander Watt*, who was the original artist commissioned for the **45** piece for said character, is back again for the entire story. I'm really excited by this and hope it's a trend that continues. The format is taking the more traditional comic form this time, so there will be sequential art pages."

This could lead to a series a la ***Kurt Busiek's Astro City***—does Ewington envision developing these characters and their world even further? "Very much so! The immediate plan is to focus on several of the integral characters that are connected by a common thread. Their stories piece together to form a greater understanding of the **45** universe, but they will still function as standalone stories."

And what of James Stanley, **45**'s interviewer/father-to-be? Will we learn more about him and his child in upcoming projects? "Not straight away," Ewington said, "as James's tale is one that needs more time dedicated to it than one or two spin-offs will allow. However, I certainly aim to revisit his particular story some time in the future, as his character is very important to the overall existence of both Normans and Super-S. At the moment, I can't say any more than that!"

45, a $17.99 original graphic novel by *Andi Ewington* and a number of top art talents, is slated for February release from Com.X.

by Cliff Biggers

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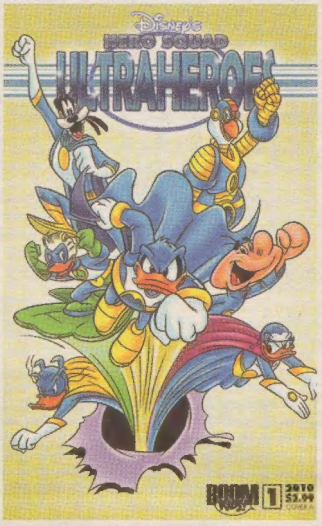
CSNsider

•*Dale Keown* has been tapped to supply the variant cover art for ***Image United #3***, in comic shops in late February. The color version of Keown's variant will be available for standard order, while the black and white version will be offered only as a 1-for-100 variant.

•Marvel has announced a new *Joe Jusko* variant cover for ***Amazing Spider-Man #623***. Each store will be limited to a maximum of three copies of this variant, so check with the folks at your friendly neighborhood comic shop for info on price and availability.

•Even before the first issue's release, ***Doomwar*** has expanded from a five- to a six-issue limited series.

•Boom Studios is spinning off the fantastic "Wizards of Mickey" storyline from ***Mickey Mouse & Friends #s 296-699*** into a new ongoing series. ***Wizards of Mickey #1*** will continue the adventures Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Goofy as they compete in the Grand Wizard's tournament, determined to win all the pieces of the Sorcerer Supreme's crown and free Mickey's master from the clutches of the evil Phantom Blot!



And that's not the only Boom project combining classic Disney characters and high-concept action adventure. ***Disney's Hero Squad: Ultra-Heroes*** expands on a concept first presented in ***Walt Disney's Comics & Stories #s 699-702. Ultra-Heroes*** follows Super Goof, The Duck Avenger, Eega Beeva, The Red Bat and more as they become Disney's mightiest band of heroes, ready to stomp out the bad guys wherever they may lurk!

Both books should be in stores at about the same time as this issue of ***CSN***.

Back to Press

- ***Invincible Iron Man #21 2nd Printing*** (DEC098263), in stores on 2/17.
- ***Invincible Iron Man #22 2nd Printing*** (DEC098264), in stores on 2/17.
- ***Stumptown #1 2nd Printing*** (DEC098037), in stores 2/24.
- ***Last Days of American Crime #1 2nd Printing*** (DEC098036), in stores 2/24.

Coming Comics—DC in April

With Nightwing nowhere in sight, *Greg Rucka, Eric Trautmann, & Pere Perez's* ***Action #888*** finds Flamebird face-to-face with the rampaging Rao! But can she defeat him by herself? Luckily, it looks like she won't have to! Enter: Wonder Woman and the Justice Society of America! Then, in ***Action #889***, with the fate of both New Krypton and Earth weighing on their young shoulders, are Nightwing & Flamebird prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice?

Superman, Supergirl and Brainiac 5 face off against Brainiac as Superboy and Mon-El fight Zod, Ursa and Non in *James Robinson, Sterling Gates, Julian Lopez, & Clayton Henry's* ***Adventure Comics #10***, a story that continues from ***Last Stand of New Krypton #2***.

Dick Grayson's life as The Dark Knight heats up in a big way in *Tony Daniel & Guillem March's* ***Batman #698***. With Black Mask out of the way for good, the Falcone crime family attempts to fill that void – with no regard for the safety of Gotham City's citizens! And what's going on with the Riddler?

Grant Morrison, Andy Clarke, & Scott Hanna continue

"Batman Vs. Robin" in ***Batman & Robin #11***. Meanwhile, Robin's mother, Talia al Ghul, sends an old adversary of Dick Grayson's to complete the job that her son may not be able to stomach!

Sam Kieth both writes and illustrates ***Batman: Arkham Asylum—Madness HC***, an original graphic novel set in the most feared house in all of Gotham City. It contains the worst that the city has to offer. It is the place The Dark Knight's most dangerous and psychotic foes call home. And now *Sam Kieth* invites you to spend 24 hours in the notorious Arkham Asylum.

Geoff Johns presents an insightful look at the most pivotal comic of 2009 in the ***Blackest Night Director's Cut***. Learn all about hidden Easter eggs and meanings throughout the series in our director's commentary section. Discover shocking scenes that were left on the cutting room floor including actual script pages that were never drawn. Be astonished at incredible never-before-seen designs from the best-selling event! Plus, many more exclusives, including an early look into ***Brightest Day***!

Booster Gold's life changes forever when he learns the true fate of his sister, Goldstar, in ***Booster Gold #31***. And it's during this personal crisis that a nemesis from the past decides to pay Booster a visit.

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J. Michael Straczynski & Cliff Chiang invite you to sample Ladies' Night in ***Brave & Bold #33***. Batgirl, Wonder Woman, and Zatanna enjoy a nice, peaceful evening on the town that absolutely won't be interrupted by any kind of superheroic hijinks whatsoever... and if you believe that, there's a giant bronze globe in Metropolis we'd like to sell you!

The biggest event in comics continues as ***Brightest Day*** shines brightly, courtesy of writers *Geoff Johns & Peter Tomasi*, along with artist *Fernando Pasarin*, who does the honors in ***Brightest Day #0***. And don't miss the exciting DC Comics debut of red hot cover artist *David Finch*! The effects that the already classic ***Blackest Night*** will have on the DC Universe will be felt for years to come and this issue not only sets the stage for the new ongoing biweekly DC Universe book ***Brightest Day***, but also the next exciting era of the DC Universe!

The distinctive cover illustrations of *Adam Hughes* get their long-deserved time in the spotlight in ***Cover Run: The DC Comics Art of Adam Hughes***, a 208–age hardcover that offers a heaping helping of artwork along with commentary from the artist, rarely seen preliminary material and much more.

The inmates of Arkham Asylum take over ***Detective Comics*** in *'Tec #864's* "Beneath the Mask" Part 1 of 2. It's Black Mask verses Jeremiah Arkham for control of the asylum. But what of the enigmatic Three Beauties, and how does Batman fit into the mad plan?

Paul Malmont, author of the acclaimed Lester Dent/Walter Gibson teamup novel ***The Chinatown Death Cloud Peril***, makes his comics debut as writer of ***Doc Savage #1***, featuring art by *Howard Porter*. Doc Savage is the target of a brazen attack on New York City in this new series set in a world without superpowered heroes. Tragedy will strike one of Doc's compatriots, and someone may not survive the opening pages of "The Lord of Lightning!" And if that's not enough, *Jason Starr & Scott Hampton* do the honors on the Justice, Inc., backup feature, starring Richard Benson, the Avenger.

The non-superhero multiverse that is home to the Spirit, Doc Savage, the Blackhawks, Batman, and others is the setting for ***First Wave #2***, the multi-character event by *Brian Azarello & Rags Morales*. The Blackhawks are after The Spirit. Doc Savage is after the Blackhawks. Anton Colossi is after William "Johnny" Littlejohn. And only Rima, the eyes of the jungle, knows what the heroes do not:

something glorious and terrible has risen in the darkest corner of Hidalgo!

After a rather lengthy ***Rebirth***, Barry Allen is back in action in a monthly series in ***The Flash #1***, courtesy of *Geoff Johns & Francis Manapul*. In "Case One: The Dastardly Death of the Rogues," Barry Allen runs back to his life in Central City—but when one of the Rogues turns up murdered under mysterious circumstances, it's up to The Flash to not only solve this bizarre crime, but protect those that are still targeted by the elusive killer. Plus, don't miss a peek into the future of the Flash universe in this special, extra-sized starting point issue!

Spinning out of ***Cry for Justice***, "The Fall of Green Arrow" continues in ***Green Arrow #32*** with Oliver Queen as a fugitive from justice. But what happens when the Justice League of America learn of his crime?

AND IF SPIDER-MAN'S GONE, SABRETOOTH WON'T GET WOLVERINE'S WHEREABOUTS.
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THE INVINCIBLE IRON MAN #25

With the sequel to the blockbuster Iron Man movie rocketing toward movie theaters this May, Marvel prepares for big things in the Marvel Universe- and those changes start in the pages of The Invincible Iron Man #25, from writer Matt Fraction and fan-favorite artist, Salvador Larroca!

BRIGHTEST DAY #0

The biggest event in comics continues as **Brightest Day** burns back the *Blackest Night*! It's a brand new day following the defeat of Nekron, and this issue not only sets the stage for the new ongoing bi-weekly DC Universe book, *Brightest Day*, but the next exciting era of the DC Universe!

400+ pages of cool stuff that starts shipping in April!

CHECK OUT THESE OFFERINGS:

Hellcyon #1— Writer/Artist Lucas Marangon presents **Hellcyon**, the story of a savage and unpredictable colony world, and the native son who returns from Earth to find a young nation on the verge of a civil war.

Neil Young's Greendale HC — Legendary singer-songwriter, musician and activist Neil Young brings one of his most personal albums, **Greendale**, to comics in this adaptation from acclaimed writer Joshua Dysart (*Unknown Soldier*) and fan-favorite artist Cliff Chiang (*Human Target*)!

Magdalena #1 — The star of the forthcoming feature film gets her own series from writer Ron Marz and artist Nelson Blake II! Patience, the latest Magdalena and estranged from the Church, is visited by her former mentor, who asks her to prevent Armageddon. Will she heed the call?

Ultimate Comics Avengers 2 #1— When the *Ultimates* can't get involved, Nick Fury calls in the **Avengers**, a black ops team willing and able to get the job done, by any means necessary. And the *Punisher* is the end to those means! Explosive, Ultimate Universe action, courtesy of the blockbuster team of Mark Millar and Leinil Francis Yu!

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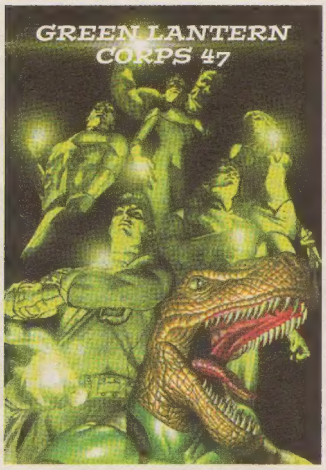
Exploding out of ***Blackest Night*** comes ***Green Lantern #53*** and the next exciting chapter in the Green Lantern mythos: "New Guardians." Forced together during the rise of the Black Lanterns, Hal Jordan, Sinestro, Carol Ferris, Saint Walker, Atrocitus, Indigo-1 and Larfleeze must agree to disagree if their next mission is to succeed. But when one of the strangest beings from Green Lantern's past returns, the future of the Lanterns and the universe at large once again falls into question. Find out what *Geoff Johns, Doug Mahnke, & Christian Alamy* have in store for Green Lantern as the ***Brightest Day*** dawns.



Brightest Day also sheds its light on ***Green Lantern Corps #47*** by *Peter Tomasi, Patrick Gleason, & Rebecca Buchman.* As ***Brightest Day*** begins, Guy Gardner and Kyle Rayner, along with the rest of the Green Lantern Corps, attempt to pick up the pieces from the horrific events of ***Blackest Night*** and take a long hard look at how the Corps is run now that major revelations have come to light. Who survived (and what the Alpha Lanterns have in store for them) is only one of the many new questions that the Green Lanterns will have to answer on the difficult and dangerous road ahead.

Christopher Chance may be saving lives on television, but he remembers his comic book roots—and so does DC! ***Human Target #3*** features new adventures of Chance as told by his creator, *Len Wein*, and others.

James Robinson & Mark Bagley kick off the JLA's ***Brightest Day*** in ***Justice League of America #44,*** which also features a guest appearance by the Justice Society of America. The epic team-up begins with a character from the end of ***Blackest Night*** joining the JLA. But when the storyline's over, what mysterious villain will be revealed – and which hero will switch teams?

"The Rise and Fall" continues in *JT Krul, Geraldo Borges, & Mario Alquiza's* ***Justice League: The Rise of Arsenal #2*** as Roy Harper discovers that getting a prosthetic arm doesn't make him whole again. If that's not enough, he's also forced to deal with Green Arrow's shocking revelation from ***The Rise and Fall Special #1*** And sparks fly when Roy's old flame Cheshire shows up… to kill him!

The Shield guest stars in ***Magog #8,*** intervening in an effort to help Magog against an unearthly menace. But that only serves to amplify Magog's growing personality crisis.

The super-power-less multiverse continues to unfold in ***The Spirit #1,*** an all-new series by *Mark Schultz & Moritat* following Denny Colt's adventures in a world that's also home to Batman, Doc Savage, the Blackhawks, and other costumed adventurers. International crime syndicate The Golden Tree wants to help Central City's Octopus consolidate control over the underworld—and the Spirit is the kind of mess the Golden Tree was created to clean up. They've offered the Octopus the services of one of their finest assassins to take his breath away for good – and the sight of this killer would get anyone's heart pounding. Each issue will also feature a ***Spirit Black & White*** feature, kicking off with an eight-pager by *Dennis O'Neil & Bill Sienkiewicz.*

Supergirl meets Brainiac 5 of the Legion of Super-Heroes for the first time in ***Supergirl #52.*** But Brainy has not only already met Supergirl, he's already loved and lost her. Confused? Not as confused as Supergirl!

Last Stand of New Krypton ships twice in April as the biggest Superman story in years rockets towards its mind-blowing conclusion. In #2, things look bleak for the Kryptonians as Brainiac reveals his trump card for destroying the planet, leaving Zod grasping at straws as to how to defend his people. But Superman and the Legion of Super-Heroes have made it aboard Brainiac's ship, determined to stop the tyrant at any cost! Then, in #3's epic conclusion, Superman and Zod must work together if they're to have a chance of stopping Brainiac! But a victory for New Krypton means a devastating loss for the Legion!

Gail Simone & Nicola Scott, the fan-favorite writer/artist team behind ***Secret Six*** reunite for an Earth-shaking story in ***Wonder Woman #43.*** Who is the leader of the mysterious invasion force attacking our planet, and what connection does she have to Wonder Woman?

DC offers a variety of bargain-priced $1 reprints of key issues in April (just in time for Free Comic Book Day in early May!), including ***Green Lantern #27*** (the first chapter of "Secret Origin"), ***Batman & Robin #1, Human Target #1, The Losers #1,*** and ***Ex Machina #1.***

DC collected volumes, advance solicited for May and June release, include:

- ***Batwoman: Elegy Deluxe Edition HC,*** collecting ***Detective #s 854-860.***
- ***DC's Greatest Imaginary Stories Volume 2: Batman & Robin TP,*** collecting 1960s and 1970s "imaginary" tales from ***Batman #s 122, 131, 135, 145, 154, 159, 163, & 300, Lois Lane #89,*** and ***World's Finest #153.***
- ***Doc Savage: The Man of Bronze TP,*** collecting ***Doc Savage #s 1-8,*** originally published by Marvel in 1972.
- ***Gotham Central Book 3: On the Freak Beat HC,*** collecting ***Gotham Central #s 23-31.***
- ***Jonah Hex: Welcome to Paradise TP,*** collecting classic 1970s Jonah Hex tales from ***All Star Western #10, Weird Western Tales #s 14, 17, 22, 26, 29, & 30,*** and ***Jonah Hex #s 2 & 4.***
- ***Justice League of America: Second Coming TP,*** collecting ***Justice League #s 22-26.***
- ***Justice League: Cry for Justice HC,*** collecting the seven-part series by *James Robinson & Mauro Cascioli.*
- ***Justice Society of America: Bad Seed TP,*** collecting ***Justice Society #s 29-33.***
- ***Legion of Super-Heroes: Enemy Manifest TP,*** collecting ***Legion #s 45-50.***
- ***Outsiders: The Hunt TP,*** collecting ***Outsiders #s 23-27.***
- ***The Question Volume 6: Peacemaker TP,*** collecting ***The Question #s 31-36.***
- ***Seven Soldiers of Victory Volume 1 HC,*** collecting ***Seven Soldiers of Victory #0, Guardian #s 1-4, Klarion #s 1-3, Zatanna #s 1-3,*** and ***The Shining Knight #s 1-3.***
- ***Superman: New Krypton Volume 4 HC,*** collecting ***Superman: World of New Krypton #s 6-12.***
- ***Superman Archives Volume 8 HC,*** collecting the Golden Age ***Superman #s 30-35.***
- ***Superman: New Krypton Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Superman: New Krypton Special #1, Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen Special #1, Superman #681, Action #871, & Adventure Comics Special #1.***
- ***Supergirl: Friends and Fugitives TP,*** collecting ***Supergirl #s 43 & 45-47, Action #s 881-882,*** and ***Superman Secret Files 2009.***
- ***Titans Volume 3: Fractured TP,*** collecting ***Titans #s 14 & 16-22.***
- ***The Viking Prince by Joe Kubert HC,*** collecting the *Robert Kanigher-Bob Haney-Joe Kubert* adventure tales originally presented in ***Brave & Bold #s 1-5 & 7-20*** and ***Our Army at War #s 162 & 163.***
- ***Wonder Woman: Warkiller TP,*** collecting ***Wonder Woman #s 34-39.***

Coming Comics—WildStorm/DC in April

The fan-favorite series ***DV8*** returns with the eight-part "Gods & Monsters," written by critically acclaimed writer *Brian Wood* with art by up-and-comer *Rebekah Isaacs.* As Gem Antonelli (a.k.a. Copycat) is debriefed in a holding cell, the story of how eight troubled teenagers were briefly gods to a prehistorical world unfolds against the backdrop of a cataclysmic disaster. "The Day I Tried To Live" is part one in this amazing and tragic story unlike anything set in the WildStorm Universe.

Garrison may very well be the world's most dangerous man. In a near future where everyone's under surveillance, though, nobody knows anything about him – and federal agent Jillian Bracewell's investigation into his identity could get her killed. Writer *Jeff Mariotte* returns to WildStorm with ***Garrison,*** a six-issue action/adventure series illustrated by *Francesco Francavilla.*

WildStorm collected volumes, advance solicited for May and June release, include:

- ***Absolute Promethea Book 2 HC,*** a deluxe slipcased edition of *Alan Moore, JH Williams III, & Mick Gray's* ***Promethea #s 13-24.***
- ***Ex Machina Volume 9: Ring Out The Old TP,*** collecting ***Ex Machina #s 40-44 & Special #4.***
- ***Free Realms Book 1 TP,*** collecting the first six issues of the miniseries based on the Sony game.
- ***Robotech: Prelude to the Shadow Chronicles TP,*** collecting the five-issue miniseries originally published in 2005.
- ***World of Warcraft Book Three HC,*** collecting ***World of Warcraft #s 15-21.***

Coming Comics—Vertigo/DC in April

Scott Snyder, Stephen King, & Rafael Albuquerque's contemporary look at the vampire legend continues in ***American Vampire #2.*** It's been nearly twenty years since notorious outlaw Skinner Sweet was buried on boot hill. But when a group of grave-robbing collectors of Western memorabilia uncover his final resting place, they find much, much more than they bargained for. And: Pearl Jones was attacked and left for dead by a cabal of power-

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ful Hollywood vampires. Now, a mysterious stranger comes calling and Pearl gets a second chance at life - and at revenge.

Joshua Dysart & Cliff Chiang bring the world of singer-songwriter *Neil Young's* Greendale comic in the aptly-entitled ***Neil Young's Greendale HC,*** an original 160-page graphic novel. In the Fall of 2003, as the nation gallops into war, a politically active teenage girl named Sun lives, loves and dreams in a small California town named Greendale. Sun's always been different. There's been talk that the women in her family have all had a preternatural communion with nature. And when a Stranger comes to town – a character whose presence causes Greendale to, well, go to hell – she'll find herself on a journey both mystical and mythical.

Mike Carey & Peter Gross present a standalone story in ***The Unwritten #12.*** Come visit Willowbank Wood, the home of cuddly, friendly little creatures like Dogling, Nedward, Tig the Hedgehog – and a psychotic assassin with a grudge and a plan.

Vertigo collected volumes (advance solicited for May and June release) include:

- ***Air Volume 3: Pureland TP,*** collecting ***Air #s 11-17.***
- ***Codename Knockout Volume 1: The Devil You Say TP,*** collecting #s 0-6 of the 2001 series by *Robert Rodi, Amanda Conner, Yanick Paquette,* and others.
- ***The Nobody TP,*** a softcover edition of *Jeff Lemire's* original graphic novel.
- ***Saga of the Swamp Thing Book 3 HC,*** collecting *Alan Moore's* ***Swamp Thing #s 35-42.***
- ***Scalped Volume 6: The Gnawing TP,*** collecting ***Scalped #s 30-34.***
- ***Sweet Tooth Volume 1: Out of the Woods TP,*** collecting the first five issues of *Jeff Lemire's* acclaimed series.
- ***Stuck Rubber Baby 15th Anniversary Edition HC,*** a new edition of *Howard Cruse's* landmark graphic novel with an introduction by ***Fun Home*** creator *Alison Bechdel.*
- ***Transmetropolitan Volume 7: Spider's Thrash TP,*** collecting ***Transmet #s 37-42.***

Coming from DC Direct in September

Poison Ivy is the next ***Cover Girls of the DC Universe Statue Series*** star. This sculpture by *Jack Mathews* is based on the art of *Adam Hughes.* (***Poison*** Ivy is the companion piece to the ***Cover Girls of the DC Universe: Harley Quinn Statue.***)

In honor of DC Comics' 75th anniversary, *Michael Keaton's* quintessential portrayal of Batman is presented in bust form in *Joseph Menna's* ***Michael Keaton As Batman Bust,*** based on Keaton's portrayal in Warner Bros.' ground-breaking, blockbuster 1989 movie ***Batman.***

Wonder Woman, the epitome of female power, is the next in the popular DC Chronicles statue line, displaying strength and classic beauty in style. ***DC Chronicles Wonder Woman Statue,*** sculpted by *Tim Bruckner,* features a base with a retro-styled logo further providing a sense of the period from which they originated.

The ***DC Origins*** action figure series continues with ***DC Origins Series 2 Two-Packs,*** featuring two full-sized figures in each set—one based on art from the character's earliest appearances, the other based on art from the modern era. ***Series 2*** includes ***Green Lantern, Wonder Woman, Superman,*** and ***The Flash.***

The best-selling ***Arkham Asylum*** game provides the inspiration for the ***Batman Black & White Statue: Batman Arkham Asylum,*** sculpted by *Dave Cortes.* This statue was developed using actual character designs from the best-selling game.

If you missed out on the first round of ***Blackest Night Action Figures,*** DC has some good news for you. They're offering some of the most popular figures in the ***Blackest Night Restock Action Figure Assortment #1,*** featuring ***Indigo, Red Lantern Atrocitus, Black Lantern Earth-2 Superman,*** and ***Blue Lantern Saint Walker*** from the first two ***Blackest Night*** action figure series.

Gary Frank's art is the inspiration for *Jean St. Jean's* sculpt of ***Heroes of the DC Universe: Sinestro Bust.*** This bust, a companion piece to the ***Green Lantern Hal Jordan BUST,*** features the Yellow Lantern Sinestro atop a special lantern base.

Tim Bruckner depicts Green Lantern enveloped in the green energy of the Green Lantern Corps in the ***DC Dynamics Green Lantern Statue,*** the fifth in a series of six statues slated for 2010 release.

Alan Scott, the Golden Age Green Lantern, is the latest hero to be transformed into a 1:6 scale action figure. ***The Green Lantern Golden Age 1:6 Scale Deluxe Collector Figure*** features 28 points of articulation, is packaged in a deluxe 4-color window box with a fifth panel and includes a display stand.

The Amazing Amazon gets her moment in the ***JLA Trophy Room*** spotlight with the release of the ***JLA Trophy Room: Wonder Woman Tiara, Bracelets, & Lasso Prop Replica.*** The tiara is stamped and plated in gold-tone metal with a translucent star detail; the bracelets are plated in silver-tone metal; the lasso is comprised of braided gold-tone material with gold metal endcaps; and the base is sculpted cold-cast porcelain, Classical Greek-inspired to display all the components of the replica in one place, and features a silver display plaque.

The heroes and villains from one of the best-rated games of 2009 are captured in 3-D in DC Unlimited's ***Dragon Age Series 1 Action Figures,*** featuring ***Duncan, Genlock, Loghain,*** and ***Morrigan.***

Coming Comics— Marvel in April

The Lizard gets his moment of glory in ***Amazing Spider-Man #630*** by *Zeb Wells & Chris Bachalo.* Once a feared villain, former Lizard Dr. Curt Connors is a broken shell of a man, a widower with a son in foster care, and working at the bottom of the pharmaceutical industry. But how long will it be before a Lizard breaks that shell?! How will it affect Peter Parker's date with Carlie Cooper?! And how is the Black Cat involved?

The ***Avengers*** books come to an end with their April issues, and... wait, what's that? Yes, all four ***Avengers*** titles end their run in April (but don't worry... new series are on their way in May!). ***Avengers: The Initiative #35*** features the end of the Initiative as we know it. The events of ***Siege*** bring Norman Osborn's ***Dark Avengers*** to a close with #16. Hank Pym and Jocasta struggle to stop Ultron while the remainder of the Mighty Avengers wage war on the front lines of ***Siege*** in ***Mighty Avengers #36.*** And the fate of Mockingbird is revealed in ***New Avengers #34,*** which also delves into the Hood's secret relationship with Norman Osborn. And as a commemoration of these final issues, Marvel offers ***New Avengers: Finale,*** a 64-page oneshot by *Brian Bendis & Bryan Hitch.* The entirety of the Marvel landscape is changing and many Avengers do not know their place in it. But before they can move on, some very important loose ends need to be tied up. All this clears the deck for May's ***Age of Heroes*** relaunch of the ***Avengers*** franchise... but you'll hear more about that in the next few weeks!

The true story of the Avengers is revealed in *Joe Casey & Phil Noto's* five-part ***Avengers: The Origin,*** a miniseries that reveals previously untold details of the historic first meeting of Thor, Iron Man, the Hulk, Ant-Man

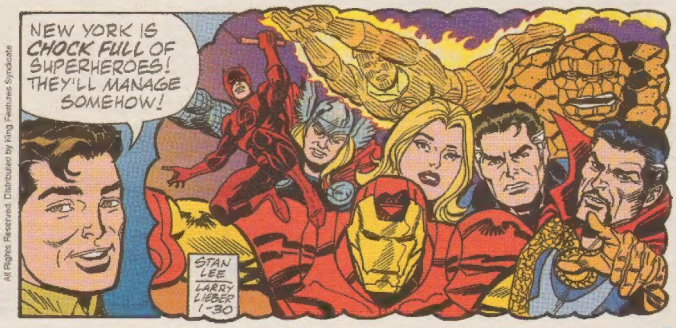
Marvel's seductive superspy graduates to her own ongoing series with the release of ***Black Widow #1.*** For years, Natasha has managed to hold her own against a world of incredibly powerful enemies… and allies. But now someone has tried to kill Natasha… and almost succeeded. Injured gravely, almost beyond her ability to recover, Black Widow sets out to find her attacker…

Reginald Hudlin & Denys Cown portray the first meeting of Captain America and the Black Panther in ***Captain America/Black Panther: Flags of Our Fathers,*** a WWII era four-parter that also features Nick Fury and his Howling Commandos in combat with the nastiest Nazi villains in the Marve Universe.

Steve Rogers has returned! (In fact he was in such a hurry that he actually came back before the story was done!) But Bucky Barnes, the current Captain America, has come into his own in the role. So will Bucky go back to being the Winter Soldier? Find out ***Captain America:: Who Won't Wield the Shield,*** which features a special appearance by Deadpool.

After years of waiting in the wings, Daken now moves toward his destiny of becoming the new Romulus in ***Dark Wolverine #85.*** But to do so, he must combine forces with his father, Wolverine… who has a much different goal in mind.

The Deadpool Corps— Headpool, Kidpool, Dogpool and Lady Deadpool—embark on a universe-spanning mission that only they can accomplish in *Victor Gischler & Rob Liefeld's* ***Deadpool Corps #1.*** Tapped by the Elders of the Universe to gather a crack team of his alternative universe selves for what amounts to an intergalactic suicide mission, Deadpool just can't say no. But it turns out another Elder, the Champion, isn't quite sold on this new superteam...



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When a widow hires Deadpool to avenge her husband and kill The Punisher, Wade Wilson follows a trail that leads him under the city of NY and headfirst into an army of monsters lead by FrankenCastle in ***Deadpool Team-Up #894.***

Duane Swierczynski & Paco Medina present the untold story of Cable's odyssey—and the hitherto-unrevealed ally who helped to make his journey a little safer—in ***Deadpool & Cable #25,*** a double-sized final issue.

Ender Wiggin is not the only genius child to influence the course of Earth's history. Not even the only one in his family. After the end of the final Formic War, the nations of the Earth are scrambling for power... and Peter and Valentine Wiggin, Ender's older and equally intelligent siblings, will start and end a world war with nothing more than words in ***Ender's Game: The League War,*** an all-new ***Ender's Game*** followup written by *Orson Scott Card & Aaron Johnston* that fills in the gap in Card's novel series.

Angelica Jones has been many things in her life. Daughter. Friend. Fiancée. Mutant. Hellion. New Warrior. Avenger. And, most recently, cancer survivor. Granted a second chance at life, Angelica has only one question for herself: What do I do with it? Find out in *Sean McKeever & Emma Rios'* ***Firestar #1.***

Thanos returns in ***Guardians of the Galaxy #25*** by *Dan Abnett, Andy Lanning, & Brad Walker.* But how did he return... and why is he back?

What is the real title of the book that Marvel enigmatically refers to as ***H.O.H.?*** *Jeff Parker & Humberto Ramos* know, but they're not telling. ***House of Hulk? Happy Ol' Hulk? Hulk-Out Heroes?*** We'll find out as soon as the final panel of ***Fall of the Hulks*** is revealed...

In the near future, The Arnold Company has developed the Husk, fifteen-foot tall biomechanical suits that are an anatomical addition to their pilot's body. In Paris, the BMRI police brigade features a special squad of Husk pilots in charge of investigating the most dangerous criminals of their time. *Fréderic L'Homme & Arnaud Boudoiron's* ***Husk*** explores the day-to-day life of these men and the different cases they must confront.

The Armored Avenger's second on-going series kicks off with a bang as "The War of the Iron Men" begins in ***Iron Man: Legacy #1*** by *Fred Van Lente & Steve Kurth.* Tony Stark's worst fears are realized when stolen Iron Man technology is used for ethnic cleansing in a civil war-ravaged land. When he defies U.S. government orders to confront the armored assassins himself, Stark sets off an international conflagration that threatens his friends, his company, and his very life – and sets him on a collision course with China and Russia, and their champions, Radioactive Man, Titanium Man and the Crimson Dynamo!

The double-sized ***Invincible Iron Man #25*** by *Matt Fraction & Salvador Larroca* is the perfect jumping-on point for fans of the films and ***Iron Man*** readers new and old alike. New year. New decade. New trade dress. New threats. New loves. New armor. New Tony Stark. And a new storyline: "Resilient."

Tony Stark is the latest Marvel hero to get the noir treatment in *Scott Snyder & Manuel Garcia's* ***Iron Man Noir.*** In 1938, Tony Stark is a daring adventurer, traveling the world in search of its mythological treasures and trying to forget the responsibilities of an iron magnate. From the Fountain of Youth to the hanging Gardens of Babylon, Tony has conquered them all… but only his closest confidants know it's all one last-ditch effort to cure the disease that slowly killing him.

Marvel updates the fact sheets in Iron Man and his supporting cast in ***Iron Manual Mark 3 #1,*** a 64-page oneshot done in the same format as ***Official Handbook of the Marvel Universe.***

Want still *more* Iron Man? Then you'll want to check out the all-ages-friendly ***Iron Man Magazine #1,*** which combines comic stories, pinups, activities, games, and more.

Teenage versions of Janet Van Dyne, Jen Walters, Namora, and Carol Danvers are the stars of ***Marvel Her-oes,*** a new high-school super-drama series by *Grace Randolph & Craig Rousseau.*

To obtain a cure for the zombie virus for Morbius the Living Vampire, Aaron Stack, Agent of ARMOR, must traverse alternate realities hunting down the plague in all its myriad forms... with a most unusual (but somehow oddly appropriate) partner in ***Marvel Zombies 5,*** a five-issue miniseries by *Fred Van Lente & Kano.* First up: in the Alterniverse known as "The Territory," the Old West never died. But when the greatest gunslingers of Marveldom – Two-Gun Kid, Phantom Rider, Kid Colt, and many others -- rise from their graves in Boot Hill, the stage is set for a High Noon showdown...

When an old friend from Luke Cage's past is put in the hospital by a vicious attack, Cage leaves his New York City, Avengers Assemblin' adventure-filled life for the cold, harsh and mean streets of North Philadelphia in ***New Avengers: Luke Cage,*** a three-parter by *John Arcudi & Eric Canete.*

David Mack & Pascal Alixe adapt the work of one of the most acclaimed SF writers of the 20th Century in ***Philip K. Dick's Electric Ant,*** a five-issue miniseries. Garson Poole had a pretty great life: good job, nice apartment, a sexy, flirtatious assistant. And then he wakes up in a hospital room… the doctors inform him that he's been in a car accident… and they can't treat him. Because he's a robot. Specifically, Garson is an Electric Ant, a human-like robot created and programmed to serve a specific function. But what is Garson's function?

Detective Deena Pilgrim returns in ***Powers #6***—and wait 'til you see what she has been up to. Meanwhile, Detective Walker reunites with his young protege Retro Girl... but things are not at all anything close to peachy.

Bullseye comes to New York with his sights set on Frank Castle in *Jason Aaron & Steve Dillon's* ***PunisherMax #6.***

Ares, the greatest warrior the world has ever known, has lived for thousands of years, wandering the earth and waging war on his enemies. His acts and his axe are legendary—as you can see for yourself in ***The Savage Axe of Ares,*** which presents four black and white tales of Ares in brutal action.

Think S.H.I.E.L.D. is a relatively new organization? Think again! Leonardo Da Vinci was an agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. So was Isaac Newton. So were Imhotep and Zhang Heng and Galileo and many other geniuses throughout time. They were the first heroes to defeat Galactus and the Brood and turn Celestials back. They saved the world long before Captain America or Iron Man were ever born, but what does this mean to our heroes of today? What does this mean to Nick Fury? Find out in *Jonathan Hickman & Dustin Weaver's* ***S.H.I.E.L.D. #1.***

Siege comes to an end in April with ***Siege #4,*** a double-sized finale by *Brian Bendis & Olivier Coipel* that paves the way for the impending ***Heroic Age.*** Marvel assures us that every y single page of this book is a shocker: Lives are changed. Heroes fall. Deaths. Revenge. Villain comeuppance. But when the dust settles, who will be in charge of the Marvel Universe? In addition, Marvel has a number of classified tie-ins, including ***Fallen, Siege Loki, Siege Spider-Man, Siege Captain America, Siege Young Avengers,*** and ***Siege Secret Warriors*** (none of which are actually the final titles... but we'll learn more about that in the next couple of months).

Think there aren't enough Spidey titles on the stands? Then *Paul Tobin & Matteo Lolli* have great news for you: a new ongoing all-ages series, ***Spider-Man,*** is coming in April. The series is set in Spidey's early days, when he's still a student and Spidey is still a mystery to the public.

Brendan McCarthy offers a Ditkoesque surreal extravaganza in ***Spider-Man: Fever,*** a three part series that begins when Spider-Man is abducted by a depraved tribe of spider-demons to a bizarre dimension, where he is to be eaten alive. Dr. Strange goes on a perilous occult quest to rescue his friend -- and tangles with some very peculiar characters along the way...

Marvel's adds another all-ages title in April with the release of ***Super Heroes #1*** by *Paul Tobin & Ronan Cliquet.* Captain America, Iron Man, the Black Widow, Thor, the Vision, Nova, and the Invisible Woman… a powerful collective of the greatest heroes the world has ever known. They are the Avengers, and they want it known they're here to stay. But when Magneto and his Brotherhood of Mutants threaten to destroy several major cities unless their demands for mutant supremacy are met, the Avengers are forced to quit looking to the future, and start hoping to live through the day!

The Siege brings Ragnarok to Asgard in *Kieron Gillen & Billy Tan's* ***Thor #609.*** The Shining City of Thor and his brothers in arms faces destruction on the greatest scale it's ever suffered, at the hands of Norman Osborn and his Dark Avengers. But the Norse heroes have bigger problems, when Thor fights the evil Thor clone.

Power Pack's biggest adventure ever begins, as they desperately search for Thor to help save the life of their grandmother in ***Thor and the Warriors Four,*** a four-issue miniseries by *Alex Zalben & Gurihiru.* But first, they're going to need to get to Asgard, and that means joining forces with Frog Thor and the Pet Avengers.

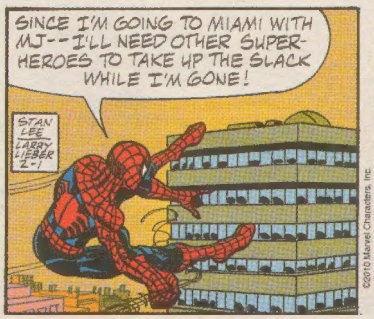
Some jobs are just too dirty for the Ultimates. For these, Nick Fury must gather the Avengers, a black ops team willing to do the missions that others won't. What role will an infamous mass killer play in Fury's plans? Find out in ***Ultimate Comics Avengers 2 #1*** by *Mark Millar & Leinil Francis Yu,* as the Punisher returns to the Ultimate Universe!

Deadpool guest stars in ***Vengeance of the Moon Knight #7*** by *Gregg Hurwitz & Tan Eng Huat.*

After the conclusion of ***Fall of the Hulks,*** secrets, mysteries and surprises galore are revealed in ***World War Hulks #1,*** a special featuring A-Bomb, Cosmic Hulk, Red She-Hulk, Doc Samson, and Deadpool.

"Second Coming" continues in March as the race to find Cable and Hope continues in ***Uncanny X-Men #523, New Mutants #12, X-Men Legacy #235, X-Force #26,*** and ***X-Factor #204.***

One of the most explosive revelations of X-Men Forever #1 was the unconsummated and clandestine affair between Logan and Jean Grey. In ***X-Men Forever Annual #1,*** *Chris*



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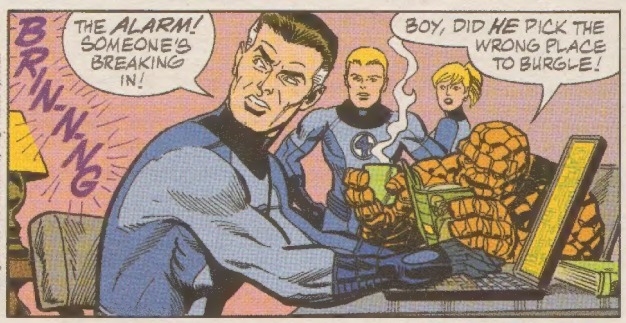
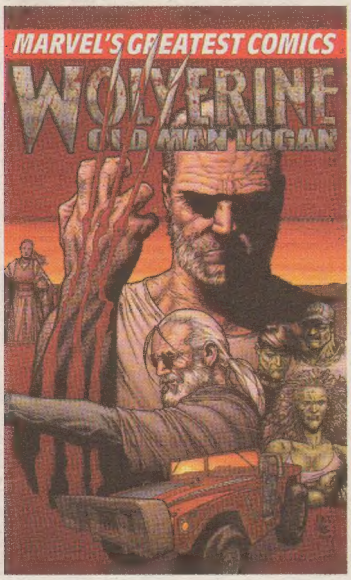


Claremont takes readers deep into the intimate history of this unsung love between two of the most popular X-Men—and gives insight to the betrayed heart of Cyclops.



Marvel invites readers to try the first issues of some of their most popular storylines in a series of $1 books reprinting ***Wolverine #66, Hulk #1, Civil War #1,*** and ***New Avengers #1.***

Marvel collected volumes include:

- ***Astonishing X-Men: Exogenetic Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Astonishing X-Men #s 31-35.***
- ***Astonishing X-Men: Gifted HC,*** a smaller trim-sized hardcover collecting ***Astonishing X-Men #s 1-6*** along with a DVD featuring the ***Astonishing X-Men: Gifted*** motion comic.
- ***Black Widow & The Marvel Girls GN,*** collecting the four-part miniseries.
- ***Cable Volume 3: Stranded TP,*** collecting ***Cable #s 16-20.***
- ***Dark X-Men Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Dark X-Men #s 1-5.***
- ***Deadpool Volume 3: X Marks the Spot TP,*** collecting ***Deadpool #s 13-18.***
- ***Essential Iron Man Volume 4 TP,*** collecting the Silver Age ***Iron Man #s 39-61.***
- ***Excalibur Visionaries: Warren Ellis Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Excalibur #s 83-90*** and more.
- ***Exiles Ultimate Collection Book 4 TP,*** collecting ***Exiles #s 59-74*** and the ***Age of Apocalypse Handbook.***
- ***House of M: No More Mutants HC,*** collecting 352 pages of post ***House of M*** tales.
- ***Incredible Hercules: The Might Thorcules TP,*** collecting ***Incredible Hercules #s 132-137.***
- ***Infinity Gauntlet Premiere HC,*** collecting the six-part series by *Jim Starlin, George Pérez, & Ron Lim.*
- ***Invincible Iron Man Volume 3: World's Most Wanted Book 2 TP,*** collecting ***Invincible Iron Man #s 14-19.***
- ***Iron Man Vs. Whiplash TP,*** collecting the four-part miniseries.
- ***Lockjaw & the Pet Avengers GN,*** collecting the four-part miniseries and the ***Tails of the Pet Avengers*** oneshot.
- ***Marvel 1602: New World/Fantastick Four TP,*** collecting ***1602: New World #s 1-5 & Fantastick Four #s 1-5.***
- ***The Marvel Art of Joe Quesada HC,*** a 204-page look at Quesada's illustrative talents, spotlighting his best interior and cover artwork, as well as a wealth of unpublished images and sketches—plus commentary from Joe himself!

- ***Marvel Masterworks Black Panther Jungle Action HC,*** collecting ***Jungle Action #s 6-24*** by *Don McGregor, Rich Buckler, Billy Graham, & Gil Kane.*
- ***Marvel Masterworks: Golden Age Human Torch Volume 3 HC,*** collecting ***Human Torch #s 9-12.***
- ***Marvel Masterworks: The Silver Surfer Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Silver Surfer #s 1-6, FF Annual #5, & Not Brand Echh! #13.***
- ***Marvel Super Hero Squad: Infinity Sword Quest HC,*** collecting ***Marvel Super Hero Squad #s 1-4*** and much more.
- ***Ms. Marvel: War of the Marvels TP,*** collecting ***Ms. Marvel #s 42-46.***
- ***Ms. Marvel Volume 9: Best You Can Be Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Ms. Marvel #s 47-50.***

- ***New Mutants Volume 2: Necrosha Premiere HC,*** collecting ***New Mutants #s 6-10*** and more.
- ***New Warriors Classic Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***New Warriors #s 7-10 & Annual #1, New Mutants Annual #7, Uncanny X-Men Annual #15,*** and ***X-Factor Annual #6.***
- ***Punisher: Dead End TP,*** collecting ***Punisher #s 6-10 & Annual #1.***
- ***Silver Surfer: Rebirth of Thanos Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Silver Surfer #s 34-38, Thanos Quest #1-2,*** and more, courtesy of *Jim Starlin & Ron Lim.*
- ***Spider-Man: Died In Your Arms Tonight TP,*** collecting ***Amazing Spidey #s 600-601, Annual #36,*** and more.
- ***Spider-Man: The Gauntlet Volume 2—Rhino & Mysterio Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Amazing Spider-Man #s 617-621*** and bonus material.
- ***Strange: The Doctor Is Out TP,*** collecting the four-part *Mark Waid-Emma Rios* miniseries.
- ***Thunderbolts: Widowmaker TP,*** collecting ***Thunderbolts #s 133-137.***
- ***Ultimate Comics Wolverine Vs. Hulk TP,*** collecting the six-part miniseries.
- ***What If? Secret Invasion TP,*** collecting December's five ***What If?*** oneshots.
- ***Wolverine Weapon X Volume 1: Adamantium Men TP,*** collecting ***Wolverine: Weapon X #s 1-5*** and material from ***Wolverine #s 73 & 74.***
- ***X-Factor Volume 8: Overtime TP,*** collecting ***X-Factor #s 46-50 & X-Factor: Layla Miller.***
- ***X-Men: Inferno Crossovers HC,*** collecting 600+ pages of ***Inferno*** crossover tales.
- ***X-Men: Mutant Genesis Premiere HC,*** collecting the *Jim Lee*-illustrated ***X-Men #s 1-7.***

Book 'Em, DC!

DC has announced a number of collected volume releases for June/July release, including:

- ***Batman RIP TP,*** collecting ***Batman #676-683 & DC Universe #0.***
- ***Batwoman: Elegy HC,*** collecting ***Detective #s 854-860.***
- ***Doom Patrol: We Who Are About To Die TP,*** collecting ***Doom Patrol #s 1-6.***
- ***Final Crisis TP,*** collecting ***Final Crisis #s 1-7.***
- ***Gotham Central Book 3: On the Freak Beat HC,*** collecting ***Gotham Central #s 23-31.***
- ***Green Arrow/Black Canary—Big Game TP,*** collecting ***Green Arrow/Black Canary #s 21-26.***
- ***Icon: Mothership Connection TP,*** collecting ***Icon #s 13, 17, 19-22, 24-26, & 30.***
- ***Justice League: Cry for Justice HC,*** collecting the seven-part miniseries by *James Robinson & Mauro Cascioli.*
- ***Showcase Presents Suicide Squad Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Suicide Squad #s 1-19, Doom Patrol/Suicide Squad Special #1,*** and ***Justice League International #13.***
- ***Superman/Batman: Finest Worlds TP,*** collecting ***Superman/Batman #s 50-56.***
- ***World's Finest TP,*** collecting ***World's Finest #s 1-4, DC Comics Presents #31, & Action #865.***

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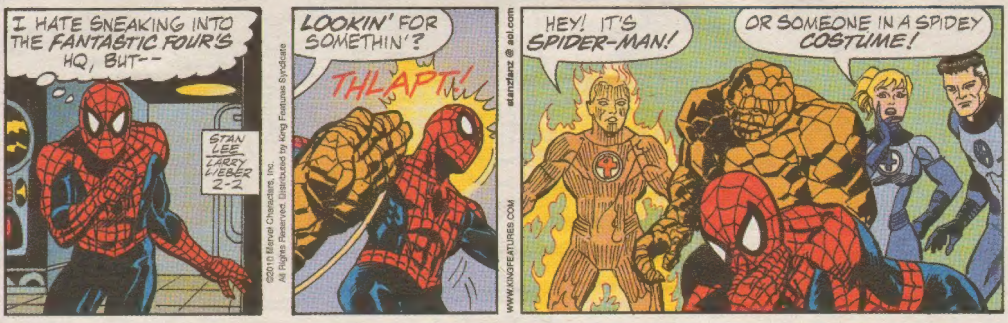
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